## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF STAFFORD STAFFORD, VIRGINIA

## **MINUTES**

Special Meeting January 8, 2011

<u>Call to Order</u> A special meeting of the Stafford County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Mark Dudenhefer, Chairman, at 8:00 A.M., Saturday, January 8, 2011, at Stafford Hospital.

Roll Call The following members were present: Harry E. Crisp II; Mark Dudenhefer; Paul V. Milde III; Gary F. Snellings; Susan B. Stimpson; Cord A. Sterling and Robert "Bob" Woodson.

Also in attendance were: Anthony J. Romanello, County Administrator; Charles L. Shumate, County Attorney; Timothy J. Baroody, Deputy County Administrator; Maria J. Perrotte, Chief Financial Officer; and interested parties.

After discussion, the Board established priorities and provided direction to staff for the FY12 budget, identifying its six top priorities for the County:

- Reducing the tax burden
- Public safety
- Education
- Transportation bond implementation
- Parks bond implementation
- Economic development

The Board desired to continue these efforts to reduce further the cost of government and reduce the tax burden in the County and directed staff, in crafting a proposed budget for FY12 to:

- Follow their adopted financial policies to enhance the County's bond rating;
- Develop a one-year budget and a two-year plan;
- Develop an FY12 budget with a real estate tax rate of \$1.08 or lower;
- Continue to make very conservative revenue assumptions to ensure that the County can weather future economic uncertainty; and
- Prepare a staffing plan for the Board's consideration that would reduce General
  Fund staffing by 5% in the next 18 months and detail in the plan the associated
  impacts of such reductions.

Adjournment At 11:55 A. M. the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Anthony J. Romanello, ICMA-CM
County Administrator

Mark Dudenhefer
Chairman